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SUBJECT: FORMER MINISTER OF LABOR'S INSIGHTS INTO GUYANA-
SURINAM DISPUTE

REF: GEORGETOWN 1019

1. IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY LABOR OFF WINSLOW CARRINGTON, FORMER MINISTER OF LABOR AND CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, MENTIONED THAT HE HAD TALKED WITH SYDNEY SAUL, GUYANA'S AMBASSADOR TO SURINAM, IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. CARRINGTON AND SAUL ARE OLD FRIENDS AND, ACCORDING TO CARRINGTON, SHARE MANY CONFIDENCES. CARRINGTON DESCRIBED SAUL AS BEING DEPRESSED. SAUL TOLD CARRINGTON THAT HE HAD URGED THAT THE GOG MAKE SOME CONCILIATORY GESTURE TO SURINAM BUT HAD BEEN TURNED DOWN BY PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM. CARRINGTON QUOTED SAUL AS SAYING THAT THE FURTHER DETERIORATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IS LIKELY.

2. CARRINGTON ALSO MENTIONED THAT HE HAD BEEN DISHEARTENED ON A RECENT TRIP TO SURINAM WHEN MEMBERS OF THE SURINAMESE LABOR ORGANIZATION DIE MOEDERBOND HAD MADE CRITICAL REMARKS ABOUT GUYANA. CARRINGTON RECALLED THAT HE HAD BROUGHT SOME OF THESE SAME MEN TO GUYANA IN 1970 AS PART OF AN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF FREE LABOR DEVELOP-
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MENT (AIFLD) PROGRAM. THE FORMER MINISTER ADMITTED THAT THE SURINAMESE HOSTILITY WAS PROBABLY JUSTIFIED, CITING SHORTSIGHTED POLICIES ON THE PART OF THE GOG AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY CRIMES, CAUSED BY GUYANESE RESIDENTS IN SURINAM.

3. COMMENT: CARRINGTON HAS BEEN A RELIABLE SOURCE IN

THE PAST, ESPECIALLY ON INTERNATIONAL LABOR AFFAIRS.
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